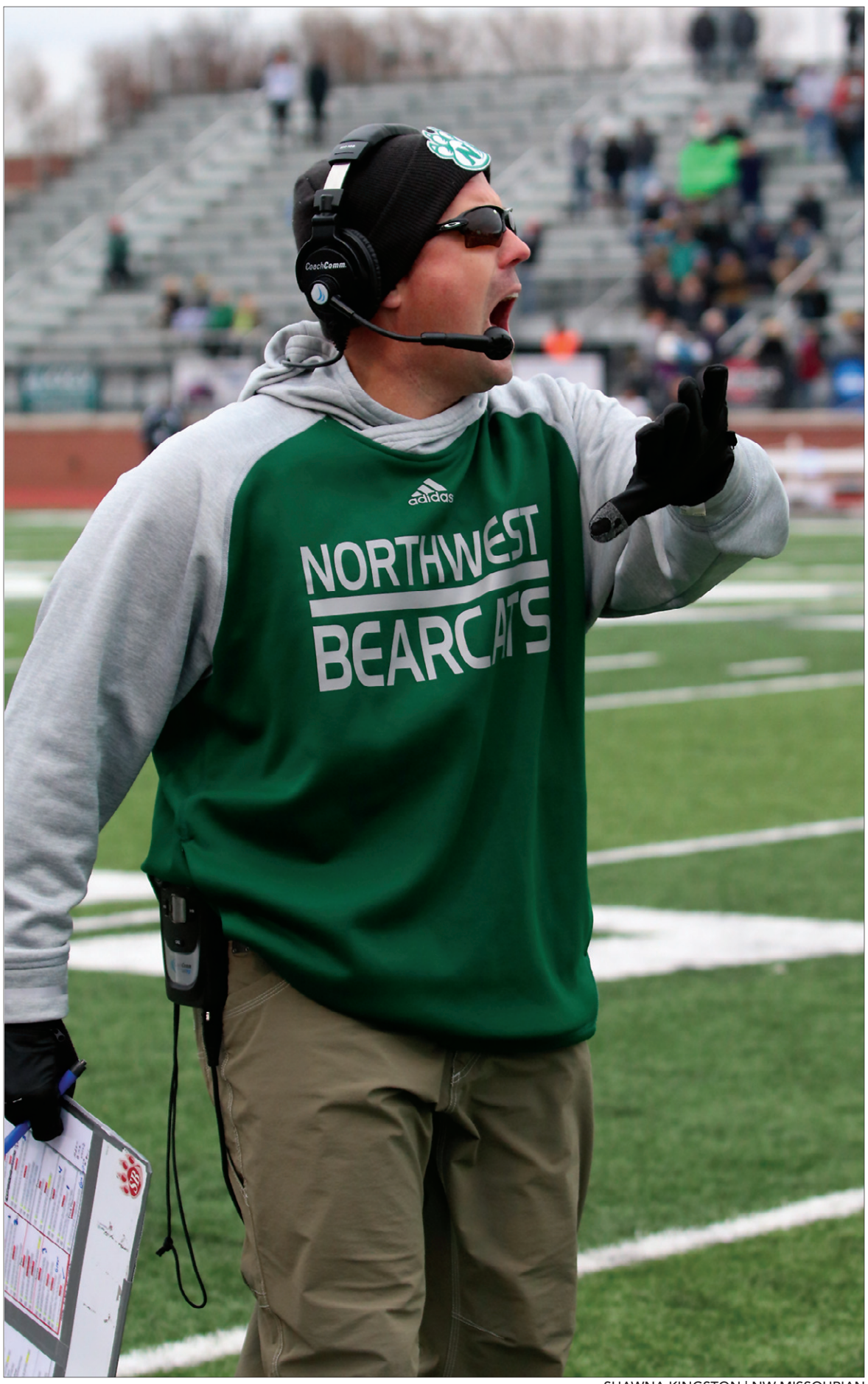
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Northwest Missouri coach Adam Dorrel recieved the AFCA Region 3 Coach of the Year award Dec. 6. He has compiled a 74-8 overall record and a 13-3 playoff record in his six years at the helm.

All the way

Coach Adam Dorrel is two games away from securing his third national title

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One game stands between Northwest Missouri football and a national title game birth.

After a statistical clinic by the Bearcat defense, Ferris State will attempt to do what no team has done all season.

The Division ll football semifinal game will pit the No. 1 Bearcats (13-0) against No. 15 Ferris State (12-2) at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Bearcat Stadium. The Bulldogs are led by an offensive line that has a staggering average of 300 pounds or more per lineman.

"They have some big guys up front that are physical," defensive tackle Caleb Mather said. "They are shifty and that can hurt you if you don't do your job."

The offensive line for the Bulldogs has earned them the ninth best rushing offense in Division ll. This has allowed senior Trevor Bermingham and junior Reggie Bell to accumulate 51 touchdowns and over 4,500 yards in the Bulldogs two quarterback system.

"Saying they are athletic at the quarterback position is a gross understatement," Bearcat coach Adam Dorrel said. "He buys so much time in the pocket and, to me, that's what good quarterback does."

The Bearcats will also bring their own weapon to the table in senior Kyle Zimmerman. The first-year starter is now tied for sixth in Division ll football for most passing yards in the country with 3582 yards.

"Our players have been here before," Dorrel said. "I feel like they are super focused and have a good mindset."

Ferris State enters the contest after a 47-32 upset win over No. 2 Grand Valley State. The team expected to roll through the playoffs was silenced at home in front of 12,177 fans. Bermingham was the maestro behind the Bulldogs sinister attack recording 51 yards on the ground to go with four touchdowns. The quarterback also added 163 yards passing going 9-of-11 through the air.

Though the win was impressive, Ferris State will face a new type of animal. One it has not experienced. Northwest stumped the statistically best team in the country. Time and time again, the Bearcat defense continues to perform at a level. Last Saturday was no exception.

"We applaud excellence," Harding coach Ronnie Huckeba said. "I've been coaching a long time, there are a lot of FCS teams that would want nothing to do with that team in green over there."

The level of talent on the 2016 Bearcat roster is one of a kind. In 2015 the same statement was said. Statistically, this was true as the team ranked first in almost every number a Division ll football expert could collect.

This year is a different sort of monster for the top-ranked men in green. The defensive line possesses two athletes that belong on Division l rosters including a linebacker that has lost two games of competitive football over the past eight years and a secondary that at the beginning struggled but has now become a no-fly zone for most teams.

The offensive line has been injured all year but that hasn't slowed down one of the most dynamic offenses in the country to average 47.5 points per game. The passing game is one of the most efficient aerial attacks in all of Division ll.

As if the offense wasn't menacing enough, not one, not two but three veteran backs sit in the backfield waiting to receive the ball at any time.

It's not a surprise where Northwest Missouri is at this point in the season. The only question that remains is whether this team can go all the way.

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*1st in Division II **2nd in Division II

Athletes of the Year 2016



Chloe Wichmann

The Northwest graduate capped off her senior year with All-America honors after a seventh place finish in the heptathlon at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Wichmann also picked up All-MIAA honors with a second place finish in the heptathlon at the MIAA Championships, breaking her own school record with 5249 points.

Kyle Zimmerman

The first year starter was named the 2016 MIAA Offensive Player of the year. Zimmerman has thrown for 3,582 yards and 36 touchdowns and only three interceptions through 13 games this season. He is also one of nine athletes who have been named as a Harlon Hill Finalist.



Alumni House to receive facelift

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Renovations to the Alumni House are fully financed and scheduled to start after the new year.

Thanks to unsolicited private donations, the Alumni House is going to get renovations to repair the structure. The building is also going to expand to add 10 new meeting rooms, a conference room, handicap accessibility and additional parking.

The structure is an original Georgian revival architecture that the construction team will try to restore. Northwest Vice President of University Advancement Mike Johnson said the house is finally getting the update it needs to be safe for the staff.

"As with any aging structure, like the existing house, it needed to be renovated for the sake of the house," Johnson said. "It's served its purpose, but we need to give it a face lift. We recognize that we outgrew the space in a way that we needed to find ways to bring the entire advancement team together."

The Alumni House was originally purchased by Northwest Missouri State University alumni in 1980, and there have been few renovations since then, the last time over a decade ago, according to Johnson. Thanks in part to leading donations by the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation of Omaha, Nebraska, the building can finally have the repairs it needs.



MEGAN WALLACE | NW MISSOURIAN
Renovations on the Alumni House will be begin after the start of the new year when it is fully financed.

In a news release from the University, the Scott Foundation states its donation is in honor of Director of the Scott Foundations, Michael L. Faust.

"Faust has given generously to Northwest. Multiple Northwest students benefit each academic year from his Michael L. Faust Scholarship, and last year Northwest dedicated the Michael L. Faust Media Lab in Wells Hall, which serves students in the University's School of Communication and Mass Media and was upgraded with the assistance of a gift from Faust." the release said. "Additionally, he made a significant contribution toward the construction of the Robert and Virginia Foster Fitness Center and has established an irrevocable estate gift for Northwest through a remainder trust."

Thanks to the generous donations, the house will be renamed Michael L. Faust Center for Alumni and Friends.

City Manager Greg McDanel notes the city's support of the renovations.

"Any improvements to campus are significant for Maryville," McDanel said. "It's one of our largest employers, and as a cultural and eduøcational hub of the region of numerous states, we try to support anything that Northwest does. They (the University) did a great job of working with the neighborhood to make sure there was no negative impacts, so we continue to support whatever they do."

Students provide umbrellas for forgetful Bearcats

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Five Northwest Missouri State University students are offering their peers a valet service, designed to keep students dry during unexpected rain showers.

Senior Zach Wilson, junior Anna Thoma, senior Brad Smith, sophomore Stephanie Borgman and sophomore Haley Tilsworth created the Umbrella Valet Service. The service stemmed from an assignment handed out during the Psychology in Groups and Teams class, taught by Cris Jacobson. The assignment required students to brainstorm three services and/or activities to better the Northwest campus. Following the brainstorming phase, students were split up into groups and told to implement a specific service or activity. Tilsworth says the Umbrella Valet Service provides fellow Bearcats with a backup plan in times of unexpected rain showers.

"Northwest students face the issue of going to class when it's not raining, and then coming out of class when it's downpouring. Nobody remembers to bring their umbrella, so the Umbrella Valet Service serves as a backup plan," Tilsworth said.

Wilson goes on to add that the Umbrella Valet Service attempts to aid students in several buildings across campus.

"Basically, the goal of the Umbrella Valet Service was to get umbrellas into all the major buildings, so students could use them as they walk back and forth between classes," Wilson said.

Members of the Umbrella Valet Service voiced different problems they experienced throughout the planning stages including: funding, communication and the idea of making the project permanent. Tilsworth says the original funding goal was to obtain funding from student organizations.

"One of the original intents or goals was to get student organizations on-campus to sponsor the umbrellas, and have an advertisement (for the participating student organizations) and pass the project off (to a participating student organization)," Tilsworth said. "But, none of them really signed up for that. But that was one way we had hoped to get the project to stick around."

The Umbrella Valet Service group eventually obtained funding from the Office of Marketing and Communication, specifically Gina Bradley, and the University Police Department. The Office of Marketing and Communication donated 25 umbrellas, and agreed to continue to supply umbrellas, in the case that they were broken or stolen. The University Police Department made a $50 contribution, which was put towards stands for the umbrellas and command hooks.

Another problem encountered during the planning stages was communication. Tilsworth said the group often communicated with Facility Services in regards to umbrella stands and potential water mess.

"We did have to worry about water mess from the bottom of the umbrellas. We didn't want to rotate towels because that's obnoxious. And we didn't want custodial services to be mad at us for making a mess all the time, so we needed to think of ways to coincide with everybody," Tilsworth said.

Additionally, the Umbrella Valet Service group encountered problems involving permanency. Wilson says the group would like to see the project continue, but needs a student organization to step-up and help them out.

"We're hoping to pass the Umbrella Valet Service on to, maybe, an organization, whereas they can build off of it and at some point implement it in more buildings," Wilson said.

The Umbrella Valet Service was implemented in eight buildings on the Northwest campus the week beginning Sunday, Nov. 13. Buildings supporting the Umbrella Valet Service include: the B.D. Owens Library, Center for Innovation and Technology, Colden Hall, Garrett-Strong, Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, J.W. Jones Student Union, the Station and Wells Hall currently comply with the Umbrella Valet Service. Following implementation, the Umbrella Valet Service group worries that some umbrellas may be stolen. Thoma says the group will continually keep an eye out for missing umbrellas.

"We talked about keeping an eye out ourselves, but we're also trying to leave it as a self-run service, so people will find out that if they take an umbrella somewhere, it will find its way back (to it's original location)," Thoma said.

In efforts to prevent umbrella theft, the group placed tags, as well as directions on each umbrella. Thoma says the Umbrella Valet Service aims to promote the honor system.

"If students steal the umbrellas, they can't use them because we're going to know which ones they are, as nobody else has those huges umbrellas with tags on them," Thoma said.

Tilsworth advises students to be decent human beings, and encourages students not to steal the umbrellas.

"Return the service so others can utilize it," Tilsworth said. "Be a decent human being; be fair to your fellow Bearcats. No of us want to be wet."

Other services and activities created as part of the Psychology in Groups and Teams class include: a Self-Defense program put on by the University Police Department, a staff appreciation for Facility Services, a Halloween Walk-A-Thon and a fundraiser for Horace Mann.

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Ceramic coffee cups collect cash

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Students enrolled in Ceramics and Advanced Ceramics at Northwest Missouri State University are giving back to the Maryville community through Coffee and Cups.

Coffee and Cups, a new fundraising event organized by the Northwest Clay Club, provides the public an opportunity to purchase handmade cups, mugs and tumblers. Assistant Professor Bobby Tso says upon purchase, buyers will be served a select variety of beverages.

"At the time of purchase, we will serve buyers coffee, tea or hot chocolate, as a reminder to spread warmth during the holiday season," Tso said. "Fifty percent of the money we earn will be donated to the Maryville Ministry Center, and the other 50 percent of the money we earn will cover material costs and beverages."

This will be the first time Northwest Clay Club hosts the Coffee and Cups event. In years past, the club has hosted Empty Bowls, where buyers purchased a bowl and filled the bowl with food. Northwest Clay Club President Brant Weiland said Coffee and Cups will better complement the practices of students working in the studio.

"Everyone has been focusing on mugs and cups this year," Weiland said. "The event will probably continue to evolve. We've actually talked about hosting an ice cream social, as another way to promote the bowls."

Weiland also notes that organizing the food aspect of Empty Bowls proved to be challenging.

"The food is the hardest part," Weiland said. "Making the bowls and selling them is no problem. For us, finding a way to get people to still purchase the item (the bowl), while lightening the load for the busy students who are already making the work, and then have to go find food. We thought coffee would be a little easier around the holidays."

Cost per item will vary, with prices ranging from $5 to $30. Weiland says Coffee and Cups not only benefits the Maryville community, but also Northwest art students.

"Coffee and Cups is a way to practice promoting your work and also a way of building relationships with people in the community who then become familiar with your work," Weiland said. "This event is to teach students how to work at craft fair events. As an artist, you'll want to react to what people are buying. I'm surprised that items I don't like are successful, and people buy those items. So then I say, 'Oh, maybe I'll focus on that and improve that.' So it's just a way to have the community come in and give you feedback on your work."



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Students to sell ceramic cups at an event ran by the Northwest Clay Club to raise funds for the Maryville Ministy Center.

Junior Melody Monroe, a Fine Arts major with an emphasis in Ceramics, says she was immediately interested in participating in the Coffee and Cups event.

"This event is a win-win-win situation. People can buy gifts for themselves or friends and family while also getting to enjoy a hot drink on a cold day. The Maryville Ministry Center will receive 50 percent of our proceeds to help those in need, and my peers and I will get our work out there," Monroe said.

Coffee and Cups will be held Thursday and Friday from noon to 2 p.m. on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union. The event will be held in conjunction with the end of the trimester Art Sale, Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Meeting Room D, on the third floor of the Student Union.

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Faculty fight to stock campus food pantry

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A rivalry is stirring in Colden Hall as the east and west wings battle to see which can collect the most food to be donated to the on-campus Pay it Forward Food Pantry.

The east and west wings of Colden Hall have been competing against each other since Nov. 28 to see who can donate the most non-perishable food items. This is the first year for the event and they hope to continue it next year depending on how well this year goes.

The winner will be determined by which wing has the most points at the end of the week, Dec. 20. The winning wing will enjoy pies provided by Pi Omega Pi, the funding organization for the event.

Senior Jennifer Nixon, a member of Pi Omega Pi, helped set up the event to give back to the Northwest community.

"Events like this help build community," Nixon said. "All this food is getting donated the campus food pantry, so we are giving back directly to the community and could be helping someone we might know or who might even be teaching one of our classes."

The group noticed that other fundraising events often have issues collecting donations, so Pi Omega Pi member Drew Bruner set up the competition and reward system designed to encourage people to donate.

"We decided to come up with this whole east wing versus west wing challenge to try and get more people to donate," Bruner said. "Getting stuff out and letting people know about the event was a struggle, so we decided to have a reward system and a competition to hopefully get a lot more donations."

Advisor for Pi Omega Pi Nancy Zeliff also voiced the struggles the event faced due to it being held before break and around finals week.

"It is a busy time of the semester and both our student, faculty and staff members were challenged for time and our donations were not really rolling in as we hoped," Zeliff said. "So we have actually extended the deadline to Dec. 20 because having such a quick turn around seemed to limit how many donations we were getting. After January, they will do the final tallying and name the challenge winner."

Donations will be accepted until break and can be dropped off on the second floor of Colden Hall. There are donation boxes at both the east and west wing desks and different points are awarded for different items. Granola bars, convenience meal kits and feminine hygiene products are worth 15 points. Toilet paper, shampoo, deodorant and soap are worth 10 points. Toothpaste, cold cereal, tissues, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce are all worth five points. No donations will be turned away, but these items are the items that are needed the most at the Pay it Forward Food Pantry.



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Northwest students help collect food to help out the on campus Pay It Forward Food Pantry in a compeition to see who can collect the most food items.



OFFICER KRISTINA MARTINEZ

UPD Officer honored for work with people impacted by mental illness

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University Police Department Officer Kristina Martinez was among 13 officers honored as Member of the Year by the Mid America Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

The CIT Council recognized Martinez Nov.17 by for her work with people who have or may be suffering from mental health needs. Fellow officer Anthony Williams nominated Martinez.

Williams, the CIT coordinator, said Martinez deserved the award for the continuous effort she devotes to supporting and assisting Northwest students.

"She (Martinez) is always willing to go the extra mile and put in the effort, especially when it comes to crisis calls," Williams said. "When she responds to crisis calls, she takes her time and doesn't rush through it and makes sure to help the best she can. For me, she represents what a good CIT officer is, and the training only really upgraded the skills she has because she has been an officer for over 10 years."

The CIT has branches all over the nation and aims to help diminish mental illness stigmas and improve relationships between mentally ill individuals and police officers.

The Missouri Crisis Intervention Team website states, "The Missouri Crisis Intervention Team (MO CIT) Council is an organization whose primary purpose is to facilitate understanding, development and implementation of CIT programs throughout Missouri and in our neighborhoods in order to promote and support collaborative efforts to create and sustain more effective interactions among law enforcement, mental health care professionals, individuals with mental illness, their families and communities and also to reduce the stigma of mental illness."

Martinez joined the University Police Department in 2005 and serves as a Self-Defense Coordinator. Being honored as Member of the Year not only reflected Martinez but also the entire police department and all the hard work they put in. By being honored as Member of the Year, University Police is able to get the word out about crisis intervention.

"I like that we are getting the word out about crisis intervention and that every time we show up people shouldn't go 'oh sh*t, it is the cops,' but instead that we are here to help, Martinez said. "We want everyone to know that we have a wealth of resources and experience that we are willing to share and that we are here to help. In the end, students are probably better off leaning on one of our officers than a friend who doesn't really have any training because their friends are more likely to fall into crisis with them and create even more problems."

For Williams, awarding the officers is not only to highlight the work that they are doing but also to encourage the officer to keep going.

"When an officer is putting in so much hard work and effort, especially in this line of work, you need to occasionally do something or have something that just pushes and encourages them to keep doing the good work," Williams said. "Martinez really motivates herself through whatever she is doing. Martinez is always out doing something even when off duty, be that taking care of the feral cats or hanging out with students. This honor was something she really deserved and there was no better way to go about it to show her how much the whole department appreciates her."

Northwest Missouri beekeeper address loss of bees

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Northwest Missouri beekeeper Erin Mullins has been recognized as the Missouri State Beekeeper of the Year by the Missouri State Beekeepers Association

According to the Missouri State Beekeepers Association's (MSBA) website, Mullins was the 2014 Missouri Honey Princess and the 2015 Missouri Honey Queen. This allowed her to present at the Missouri State Fair, various MSBA functions, MSBA membership conferences and travel to other local associations throughout the state.

Mullins's beginnings as a beekeeper began in a Future Farmers of America (FFA) project. Classes offered at Northwest Technical School helped her build a foundation of knowledge for her current work in beekeeping. Soon after, Mullins set up her first three hives of bees.

In a post on facesofagriculture.blogspot.com, Mullins describes her first experience with beekeeping.

"Something you need to know is that when you buy bees, you buy a package or box of bees. It is a box that contains one queen and about 10,000 worker bees," Mullins said. "It's very intimidating when you're riding in a car for two hours and a few bees escape from those boxes and are flying around in the car with you."

Mullins encourages others to involve themselves in beekeeping.

"Beekeeping is a wonderful hobby to have that comes with many great benefits," Mullins said. "Not only do you have the opportunity to sell your honey, bees are very beneficial to agriculture. I strongly encourage people to get into beekeeping as a hobby, because just keeping bees helps American agriculture."

According to an interview with Mullins from Nodaway News, honey bees have faced multiple challenges in recent years, including a diminishing food supply.

"People do not want weeds in their yards and they spray them. Weeds, such as dandelions, ragweed and sunflowers, are the first food choice for honey bees," Mullins said.

According to The New Agriculturists, bee pollination is valued at several billion dollars in the United States alone. Bees pollinate about one-sixth of the world's flowering plant species and around 400 of its agricultural plants. Encouraging bee pollination increases crop yields and profits made due to healthier crops.

Mullins identifies herself as a member of the MSBA in her personal blog. This organization meets twice per year. During meetings, scientists, professors and experienced beekeepers give lectures on beekeeping.

Mullins is a member and amateur web designer for the Northwest Missouri Bee Busters. Northwest Missouri Bee Busters sells honey to local establishments and meets during the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Maryville County Administration Building. The organization can be reached at beebuster2012@gmail.com.

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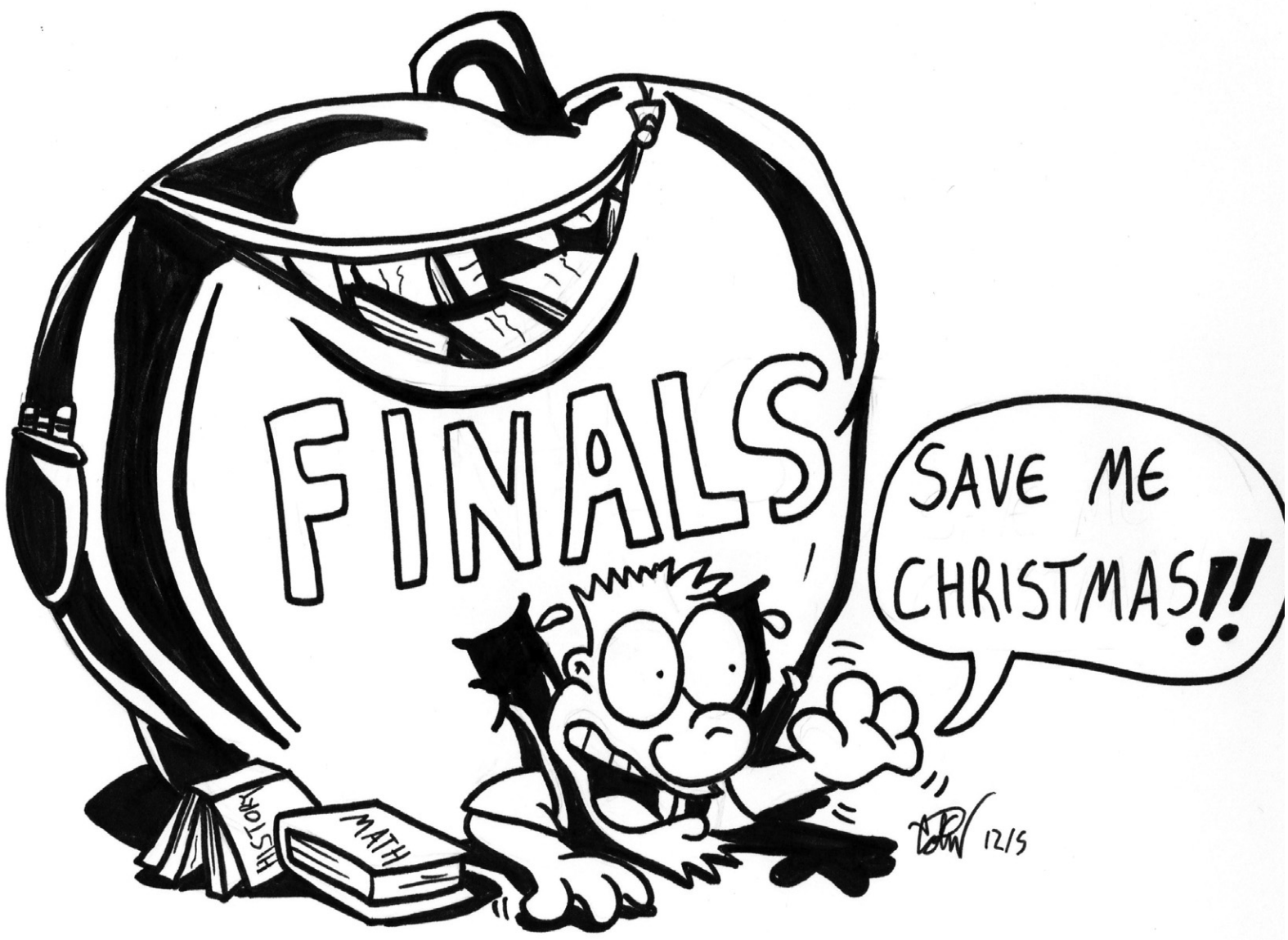
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The end is near. It's the last cup of coffee, just one more paper, one more exam and then freedom for three weeks.

As the semester winds down, the one thing on my mind is what am I going to do during break.

Finals week throws so much stress on to most students and the idea of being able to go home and to see our loved ones is appealing, a light at the end of the tunnel of stress-related doom.

The one thing that I cannot wait to do is to hold my cat and just to take a deep breath.

I encourage all of you to take some time during this break to do things you find to be enjoyable. If that means you are bundled up like a burrito watching Netflix all break, go for it.

These three upcoming weeks are for us, the students and teachers, to relax and not to have to worry about papers, group projects or homework assignments.

This time is also a great time to reconnect with your friends back home and go on some great adventures. Go to the movies, have a game night or just go out to lunch and catch up with friends you have not seen since August.

Tell them about your crazy adventures here at Northwest, about Walkout Day or everything about your new home. Tell them about all of the amazing people you have met over this semester.

There is one thing I am going to enjoy a lot, which is my dad's cooking. After Thanksgiving break, the craving has only gotten stronger.

During the break, take the time to enjoy meals with your family and their company.

While you may be the one far away from home, your family misses you as much as you miss them. Have a time to sit down with your parents and tell them about the highs and lows of your semester.

Also remember that your home life is not the same as your life here at Northwest.

Over the last four months you have been living in your own in an apartment or a residence hall. You got to set your bed time, your curfew and when and what you ate.

When you get home speak with your parents and get the lay of the land, because you have to start adjusting back into home life.

Be willing to compromise with your parents requests. You may not be able to come and go as you please, but take the time to discuss these compromises and put them into practice.

Overall winter break is meant to be a time to relax and mentally prepare for the next semester. So take this time to enjoy your friends and families. Have a great break full of relaxation and get ready for an awesome spring semester when you get back.

OUR VIEW:

The Palms gets hosed for poor ownership

The bias against owner of the Palms, Erik Schreiber, could be an explanation of why Maryville is coming down on the bar.

The Palms was recently put under pressure because of expired tags on the Wiener Wagon and city code violations due to a school bus also outside their building. The resulting infractions could lose the bar its liquor license.

While both of these are annoyances to the city, they should not lead to a loss of a liquor license. The City Council should make the decision based on the number of underage incidents that occur at a bar.

Maryville is a college town through and through. It is only natural some underaged Bearcats will try to drink at the bars while they are with their older friends. It is up to the bars to strictly enforce no underage drinking otherwise the city will raise the bar age to 21. No one wants that.

Most bars have liquor law violations but some have more than others. The usual suspect is, of course, Molly's. Councilman Tim Shipley has voiced concern over Molly's being the site of numerous alleged violations involving minors in possession of alcohol, even though some of those violations were self-reported by the bar staff.

Why are there no actions being taken against Molly's when it has more violations than The Palms? The answer could be ownership.

The Palms has changed radically since Schreiber bought the bar back in 2014. Schreiber ripped out the much beloved kitchen and replaced it with the Wiener Wagon. He said a food truck makes more sense than an in-house kitchen because he can serve customers after hours. The last time the Wiener Wagon was used is unknown. It served as a tacky decoration. Schreiber recently removed the food truck from The Palms.

The dissatisfaction with bar's new direction is evident on its reviews on Facebook.

"The music is crap, the snot nosed little bartender clearly did not care for five bikers hanging out and making her actually do her job instead of f****** around on her telephone," Northwest alumni Brandon Thurman said in his one star review, "I never want to go to this s*** hole again."

Another review suggests people should not waste their time on The Palms and go to Burny's or The Pub instead. The review also questions the decision to axe the bar food to "upgrade" to hot dogs. The Palms has 3.6 stars out of five.

It is not a major stretch of the imagination to blame Schreiber for being the cause of The Palms being pulled. He let the tags on the food truck expire after the city council went out of its way to approve it. Schreiber also stored a burnt down school bus rusting away behind the building, which is another violation. Common sense should be enough to tell you not to store your junk at the workplace.

The Palms might have less alleged underage drinking than Molly's, but it does not mean much when you disrespect the city council. It just goes to show that you can not get very far in life when you are a jerk.

High schools and colleges poorly prepare students for life



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Too many young adults lack the ability to do basic tasks.

An internet argument stands that, as high school students, we should be learning how to do things we will experience in adulthood instead of learning the Pythagorean Theorem. Although algebraic and geometric functions may be important for some career paths, everyone needs to know how to do the basic tasks they will come across as an adult.

Every now and then, I stumble across a Buzzfeed quiz called "You Can Only Be An Adult If You Pass This Quiz" and most of the questions give me a headache. Why should knowing how to use an oven, change a lightbulb or open a savings account make you an adult? These should be things you have been faced with before adulthood.

My parents raised me to be very independent. If I needed something done, they would have me try to figure it out on my own. If I could not figure it out, they would talk me through it. Only after trying on my own a few times would they help me.

When I was young, I did not see this as a good thing but being around some of my helpless peers makes me thankful for the way my parents raised me.

Do not get me wrong, there are plenty of adult things I do not know how to do and cannot wait to learn; taxes, insurance, bleeding a radiator (whatever that means).

As a country, our school systems need to get on the same page and start teaching high schoolers and college students the things they need to know to succeed in life. These things are just as, if not more, important as the core classes we already take because they are skills we will take with us through life.

As young adults, we need to start taking life seriously and stop thinking that just because we boiled a pot of water without burning the house down we are grown-ups. As cliche as it is, you can learn something new every day and you really should try to, especially if it will help you in the future.

As possible future parents, we need to remember the things we do not know how to do right now but wish we did. That way, we can keep our children from being incompetent when they grow up.

Young people need to stop thinking that they are adulting and take the time to actually learn the skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

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Horace Mann fifth and sixth grade teacher Sarah Winans encourages her students to think critically in regards to social justice issues.

Children discuss social justice

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Fifth and sixth grade students at Horace Mann delve into issues of social justice through research, while striving for better ways to voice themselves in their communities.

Horace Mann fifth and sixth grade teacher Sarah Winans helped her students apply critical thoughts to social justice issues of diversity, equity and inclusion, falling under Northwest's Strategic Goal No. 3: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Winans said students took different routes approaching their issues including writing papers, making displays, crafting videos and interviewing campus professionals.

"We worked on it a big chunk of the last quarter because there were so many components. There was a lot of background reading, research and papers," Winans said. "It really fits itself to the project-based learning that we strive for at Horace Mann and want our teachers to be involved with."

Winan's goal was to spur her students passion in learning.

"They couldn't just research and become experts on it. They had to think about what they believed in to think about what they were going to do about it," Winans said. I really wanted them to experience what a leader does in a community if there's something he or she is deeply concerned about."

According to Winans, parents were very pleased with what went on in the classroom.

"They received so many compliments," Winans said. "Even though these are only grades five and six, they could could take on the subject that even some adults avoid talking about. They were very willing to investigate and have that sense of pursuing social justice."

Students took on topics from women's rights in athletics, Native American sensitivity, stereotyping in Disney films and more.

"I think a lot of them connected very personally to that and they would talk about how emotion does have a place in learning because they felt that their work was really making a difference," Winans said.

Northwest Missouri State senior elementary education major Haley Riffle worked alongside students to best establish themselves through their work.

"We [student teacher aids] helped with making their videos for their projects, preparing them for the presentation of their project," Riffle said. "They had done a lot of the research and put together the actual information and we were on the tail end of things."

Riffle said she enjoys seeing students putting information they learn throughout the semester into action.

"I love the project-based learning Mrs. Winans did with them. We carried this through multiple content areas such as social studies, language arts and computing," Riffle said. "They are practicing presenting, using technology and putting information together. It was cool to see all of those things come together."



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Northwest community gathered at the Gaunt House for the eighth annual Christmas Tree Lighting Dec. 1.

Annual holiday tree lighting provides sense of community

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Northwest Missouri State University and the Maryville community gathered to get in the holiday spirit.

Last week at the Thomas Gaunt House, it was estimated that 200 guests from the Maryville community and University gathered to watch the lighting of the tree and enjoy hot chocolate.

Each year, the President's family chooses one philanthropy to be recognized at the tree lighting. This year's organization was the Pay It Forward Fund and Food Pantry. Those who attended the ceremony were asked to bring donations for the organization.

There were 540 donations accepted during the ceremony for the Pay It Forward Fund and Food Pantry. Three members were present to represent the organization.

Many community members and students joined together to watch the lighting and listen to Northwest President John Jasinski speak and choirs sing. The speeches and choir performances were followed by snacks and hot chocolate. People in attendance received an opportunity to take their photo with Santa Bobby Bearcat and sit around a bonfire making s'mores.

Northwest sophomore Amber Gierstorf said it was her first time attending the event, but she would like to come to it again because it gave her a sense of family.

"Around Christmas time, they try to talk about love and unity. It's nice, before break, to be able to come together and celebrate the best time of the year," Gierstorf said.

The Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Grinch Grand Marshal Contest Rick Gonzalez said the event gathers everyone and helps share the love of the season.

"Coming from Texas, we have events like this. But in a small community, it makes the residents more involved and I would be happy to come to these events again," Gonzalez said.

Blotters for the week of Dec. 8

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Nov. 28
There is an ongoing investigation for a domestic disturbance at the 500 block of East Seventh Street.

Nov. 29
There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 200 block of West Third Street.

A summons was issued to **Alexander J. Snow,** 20, Graham, for possession of marijuana, failure to obey a posted stop sign and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 400 block of West Fifth Street. In the same incident, **Clayton F. Farrell**, 18, for minor in possession and open container in a motor vehicle.

A summons was issued to **Riley L. Wood**, 20, for minor in possession at the 200 block of East First Street.

A summons was issued to **Steven A. Foster**, 20, Plattsburg for improper registration, displaying the plates of another and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 100 block of East Second Street.

Nov. 30
A summons was issued to **Karri Venkatesh**, 21, for no valid driver's license and an equipment violation at the 1100 block of South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

Dec. 1
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 100 block of East Summit Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary at the 1300 block of South Main.

Dec. 2
There is an ongoing investigation for a stolen vehicle at the 500 block of East First Street.

Dec. 3
A summons was issued to **Joseph D. McGinnis**, 20, for minor in possession and disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1600 block of South Main.

A summons was issued to **Samuel L. Morgan**, 23, Blue Springs for assault and trespassing at the 100 block of West Cooper.

Dec. 4
A summons was issued to **Dustin M. Jostmeyer**, 21, Leavenworth for disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

A summons was issued to **Hannah Delgado**, 19, Blue Springs for minor in possession at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

A summons was issued to **Benny F. Nunez-Chiclana**, 21, for disorderly conduct at the 400 block of North Buchanan.

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Nov. 27
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing at Perrin Hall.

Nov. 28
Two summonses were issued to **Blake Dvarishkis**, 20, and **Brittany Rew**, 19, for a drug law violation at Tower Suites East.

Nov. 29
A summons was issued to **Deonna Lucas**, 18, for stealing at the Student Union.

Nov. 30
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

Dec. 1
A summons was issued to **Creighton Thomas**, 19, for driving while intoxicated at College Avenue.

Dec. 2
A summons was issued to **Brandon Montross**, 19, for a drug law violation at Lot 38.

Dec. 3
A summons was issued to **Daniel Treadway**, 19, for a drug law violation at Lot 41.

A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Hudson Hall.

A summons was issued to **Wyatt Suhr**, 18, for driving while intoxicated at College Park Drive. Within the same incident, a summons was issued to **John Bertelsen**, 18, for a drug violation and a summons was issued for a liquor law violation.

Dec. 4
A summons was issued for a liquor law violation at Millikan Hall.

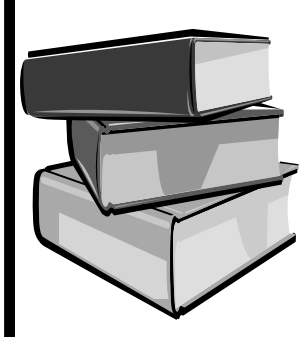
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Nativity scenes have been a part of Christmas for as long as anyone can remember. They can be made of different materials, and it is common to collect them. The following collections go above and beyond the classic holiday tradition.

Hipster nativity scene - This scene shows the classic baby in a manger, but his parents are taking a selfie with him. The wise men are Amazon delivery men and the cow is organic.



SOURCE: HUFFINGTONPOST.COM

Gingerbread lawn ornaments - Giant iced gingerbread nativity scene...at least until is snows or rains.

Tampon nativity scene - They're unused at least.



SOURCE: HUFFINGTONPOST.COM

Moose nativity scene - It's different and one of them is holding a sheep.

Meat nativity scene - Bacon roof, sausage people wearing ham wraps and cheese grass. What could go wrong?

Rubber ducky nativity scene - Celebrating and need a bath? Grab the nativity scene and have some fun.



SOURCE: HUFFINGTONPOST.COM

Shotgun shell nativity scene - Is there a better way to advocate for your second amendment rights and celebrate at the same time?



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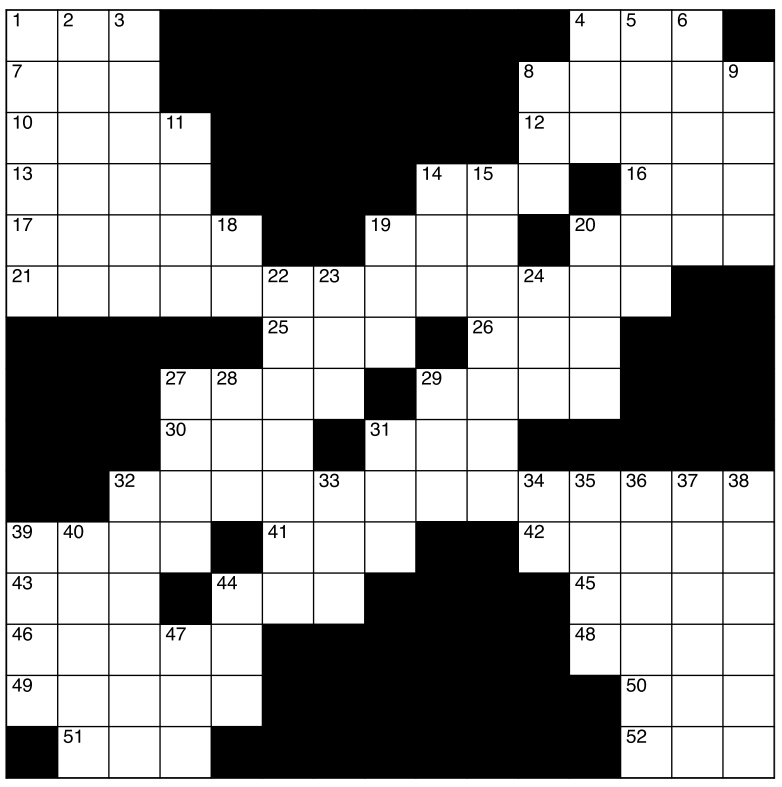
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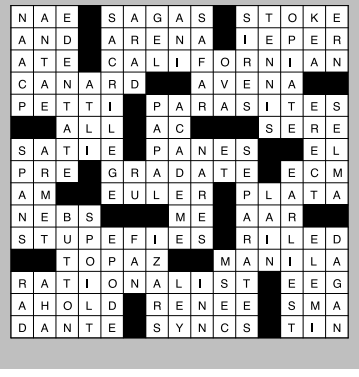
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4. Annualized percentage rate
7. Frictional horsepower
8. Alternate name
10. Incursion
12. Metrical feet
13. Musician Ingram
14. Swiss river
16. Text speak for annoying
17. Squelch
19. Will Ferrell played one
20. Close violently
21. Arrogant
25. Goddess of the dawn
26. Today (Spanish)
27. Ethiopian town
29. Speed
30. Kids take it to school
31. Bowling ball's adversary
32. 1988 NFL MVP
39. Volcanic crater
41. Curved shape
42. Discover by investigation
43. Up in the air (abbr.)
44. A son who shares his dad's name
45. Assist in wrongdoing
46. Actress Lathan
48. Nonsense (slang)
49. Sharp and forthright
50. Midway between northeast and east
51. NAACP cofounder Wells
52. Soviet Socialist Republic

Clues Down

1. Again
2. Erectile organs
3. Concluding speech
4. Pie _ __ mode
5. With pustules
6. Muslim calendar month
8. Need it to live
9. Thailand
11. Container to serve food
14. Boxing great
15. Woolen blankets
18. Expresses surprise
19. Emergency medical services
20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid
22. Reporter
23. Arrived extinct
24. Ad __
27. Academic bill of rights
28. A pair
29. Pumpkin and apple are examples
31. China
32. Made illegal
33. Be mistaken
34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"
35. Semite
36. Martens with short tails
37. Large bodies of water
38. Lower in position
39. Dough used in Latin American cuisine
40. Calculating tools
44. Boxers do this
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Bearcat Bash: Culture Splash

University Seminar classes reach out to the community to create better communication

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There is a clear divide in the world between races, religions and political ideologies. As much as anyone would like to deny it, there is also a divide on campus between domestic and international students.

The good news is there are people who are willing to put in the work to bridge that divide. A section of University Seminar is devoted to bettering the community.

This year, the class teamed up with two other sections of University Seminar classes for international students to host Northwest's second Bearcat Bash.

Elizabeth Dimmit teaches the community betterment seminar. She brings 10 community organizations into the class to speak to the students.

"Each organization identified a need," Dimmit said. "They listened to the Ministry Center, the Humane Society, Horace Mann and various others."

After listening to the organizations, the students were required to brainstorm ways they could meet the needs of the organizations. The students then choose one organization to help.

Last year, the students chose Horace Mann Laboratory School.

"They wanted to give parents some time out where there was a free event for students to come and engage with college students," Dimmit said.



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In the game room, students played four different minute-to-win-it games. Every age group played with the balloons the longest.

Part one: the beginning

The Bearcat Bash brings in elementary school students from Nodaway county to hangout with college students and give their parents the day off.

This year's incoming freshmen heard about the success of the Bearcat Bash last year, but there was also another need they wanted to address.

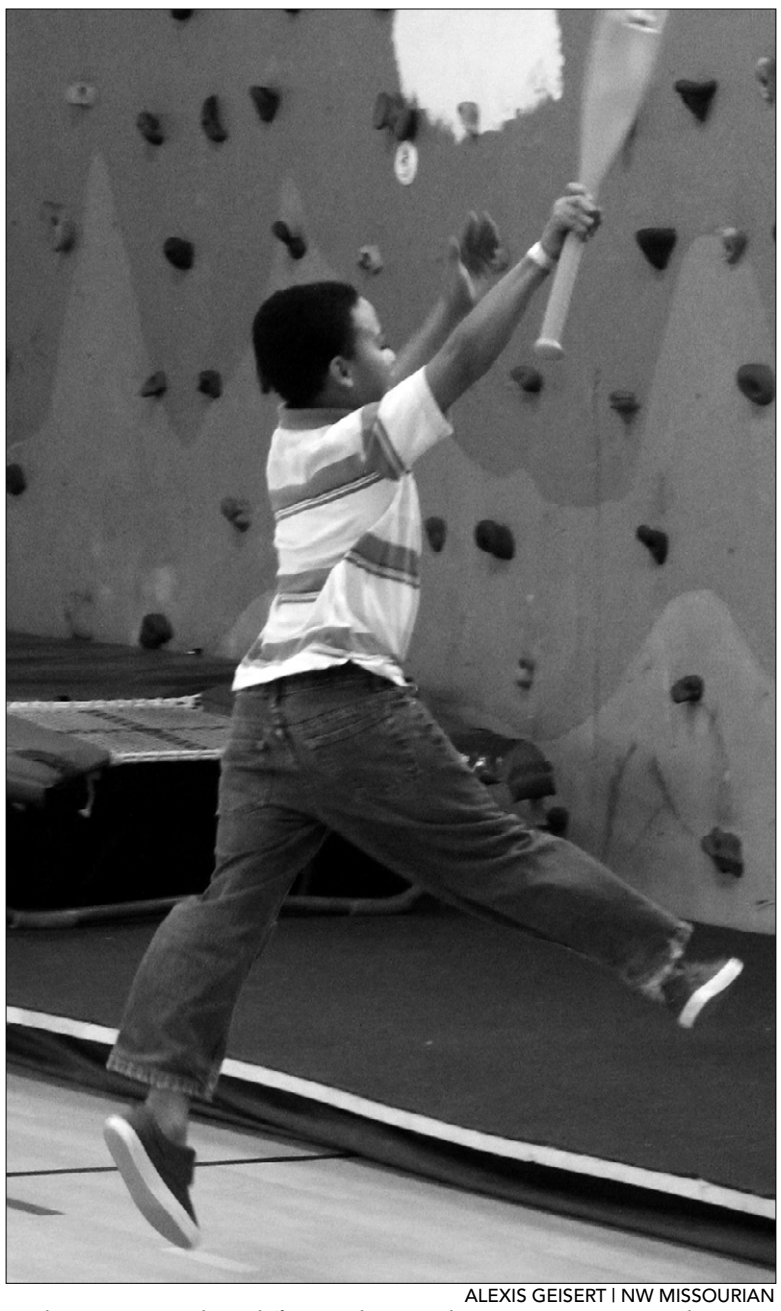
"The international student office had identified there was a need to help international students connect with our traditional students as well as connect them with the community to build better understanding and respect between those groups of people," Dimmit said. "So my students gravitated towards that and decided to incorporate this mission with the Bearcat Bash and they made it Bearcat Bash: Culture Splash."

The community betterment University Seminar and the international sections met to build relationships. Each shared experiences and culture with each other.

The classes wanted to open up the opportunity to children so they could experience different cultures.

The event was held at Horace Mann Dec. 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The children were divided up by grade, and every hour went to a different class full of activities.

"We tried to make sure that in some way culture was incorporated in each class," Dimmit said.



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Students experienced two different cultures in the sports room: Spain and Great Britain. They learned new games and ran off some energy in the process.

Part two: science and music

In music class, students from Nepal taught the children about their music and dances. There was also a student who taught Irish dancing.

"Music is just a universal language," Dimmit said. "Everyone has music. It is something that unites us, but the unique intricacies within each culture is what's special and unique."

In the science room, the children made slime and put trinkets inside the slime. When they pulled out one of the trinkets, they discussed the importance of the trinket in the U.S. and other countries. They also made volcanoes and discussed Polynesian culture and Hawaii.



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Students made crafts and danced to music from different cultures. Each room was designed to introduce the children to something new.



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The future of the Bearcat Bash is not set in stone. Another organization needs to take control for it to continue.

Part three: sports and games

In sports, students taught croquet and some of the students from Spain had a game about handkerchiefs.

"In all of it, it was about having conversations," Dimmit said. "It is important for kids to learn to ask questions when they don't understand."

Freshman elementary education major Kaitlin Kreider volunteered at the event to spend time working with children. She felt the experience was very important for the kids who came.

"They were able to see and understand kids from other cultures and appreciate them more," Kreider said. "They could appreciate the differences and realize everyone is different, and that is a good thing."

In the morning, Kreider helped out in the game room where the kids played minute-to-win-it games.

"All the volunteers had a really fun time with kids. It was an enriching experience I plan to do next year and the years after," Kreider said.

Sophomore Lauren Buck was a part of the first Bearcat Bash and came back as Dimmit's peer advisor to put on the second one.

"This event is important because it is a fun day for kids to hang out, play and learn with college students," Buck said. "It gives parents a chance to go holiday shopping, relax or go on a date."

Part four: the purpose

Being from a rural part of the state, the children who came to the event have not had many opportunities to experience different cultures.

"Culture is an important thing to learn about," Dimmit said. "It is all around us, and it is important for kids to begin to open their eyes to it."

Including the international students was a way to provide authentic culture but also for volunteers to form new relationships. Buck believes this was an important part of the event.

Buck and the rest of her class put in great effort to pull off the event.

"We as a class want to thank all the volunteers who helped throughout the day," Buck said. "We are very happy about how this day turned out."

Although the seminar class chose to adopt the Bearcat Bash again this year, this may not be the case in the future.

"It is important that students choose the project and get invested," Dimmit said. "If I choose the project for them, they lose their ownership of the event."

The future of the Bearcat Bash is still up in the air. It lies on Northwest's community and students. It is up to organizations to take control.





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Junior Sophie Venus's main focus is painting, but she is also minoring in photography and makes sculptures as well. She likes painting because it is very detailed and a lot of time and effort can go into getting the perfect shade of one color.

Junior Sophie Venus wants her art to get people to act

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Junior Sophie Venus tries to make a difference in the world every day through her art.

Venus is a studio art major with a concentration in painting and a secondary concentration in photography.

Venus's main goal while at Northwest is to learn as many art skills and techniques as possible. Venus is currently learning how to sculpt wood. She said it is her favorite sculpting material to work with.

"I enjoy sculpting with wood because it's so personalized," Venus said. "It's like a puzzle; I make and put together all the pieces."

Wood can be sculpted in a variety of different ways. It can be carved, burned, sanded and bent. Venus' favorite technique is sanding.

The main difficulty Venus faces when sculpting is finding enough time to work on her projects. Sculptures take long to put together and are not as portable as paintings.

Venus is creating a wood sculpture of a mushroom cloud composed of little mushrooms. She previously created artwork of mushroom clouds and finds them intriguing.

"I studied World War Two in high school and created a drawing of a mushroom cloud and really enjoyed the various shapes," Venus said.

Being an art major takes a lot of dedicated time to projects. Venus estimates she spends around ten hours a week outside of classes in the Fine Arts building. However, she says all of this time does pay off with finished creations.

Venus said she feels like a piece is complete when she experiences a defining moment. This moment can be described when her piece feels like it is not missing anything and is the way it should be.

Though Venus enjoys sculpting, her favorite medium to use is oil paint. Oil paints look less plastic-like than other paints such as acrylics. Oil paints stain and take a long time to dry.

"Oil painting is so expressive and a very personalized process," Venus said. "You can get lost in simple things like mixing paints to get the best color or consistency. You can paint for hours. It's a beautiful thing."

Because Venus is an upperclassman, she has her own studio in the basement of the Fine Arts building. Venus likes to work on paintings there and is excited to create more things to hang in her studio, which mainly consists of art supplies.

Junior Zoe Green has her own studio right across from Venus's. Green and Venus have known each other since they were freshmen. Both have been able to see how each other's art has grown in the past three years.

"In Sophie's work there is strong craftsmanship, and she has beautiful, visible brushwork in her paintings," Green said.

In the future, Venus hopes to bring more awareness to causes that are important to her with her art.

"Equality is important to me and so is the environment," Venus said. "I want people to get up and change things instead of doing nothing. We have a voice and we need to use it."

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants you to be the best shacker out there

This past week I sat at lunch with friends recounting our weekend activities that included everything from what parties we attended to boys we took home.

One of the girls started to tell us the horror story of a boy who stayed the night and was the worst possible "shacker" who ever walked this planet.

A shacker is a male/female that spends the night at your house in your bed. Then they leave and then you act awkward every time you see each other on campus.

Bearcats, we have to talk about your shacker etiquette and what is appropriate to do at someone's house.

If someone ask you to go home with them, you have to realize they most likely live with other people. Respect that when you walk in the door. Be quiet; their roommates don't want to know you are there.

If they offer you food, be polite; they are sharing food with you when they are intoxicated.

You should probably drop down on one knee and propose right there because that person is a walking saint.

Do not take up their bed or steal their covers. It is so rude. Why would you do that?

Also don't snuggle them all night you barely know them. If you don't know the person's favorite color, it's probably not appropriate to wrap your whole body around them and suffocate them.

Leave at a decent time. Do not overstay your welcome. It's actually better if you sneak out in the early morning so you don't have to have an awkward morning encounter.

If you shack at the house often, do not get comfortable because you aren't dating you still have the rule of shackers: be out by nine.

After you leave, do not text, snapchat, or communicate with them for at least four hours. It's weird.

The offender of this past weekend left the girl's house and texted her 20 minutes after he left. That is not ever going to be okay.

Bearcats, be smart about your shacking experiences. Do not overstay your welcome, practice safe sex and understand that there is such thing as too drunk to sleep together. Have a safe and fun winter break.

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Ugly Christmas sweaters become quirky tradition

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The Ugly Christmas Sweater is a pinnacle of the holiday season. For some, it is an addiction. Others see it as a reason to dress up ridiculously and drink.

Pinpointing the rise of the Ugly Christmas sweater is no easy task, however, two icons stand out.

Bill Cosby as Cliff Huxtable in "The Cosby Show" and Chevy Chase in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" made it fashionable to wear these hideously appealing sweaters.

Urban Dictionary gives another clue as to the origin of the ugly sweater. It states the sweaters worn on "The Cosby Show" were designed by Koos Van Den Akker, a New York City designer famous for his wild collaged garments.

The sweaters were popular until fading into the obscurity of our great aunts' closets, never to be seen again, or so the world thought.

In the past decade, the trend picked up steam once more. According to "Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Book: The Definitive Guide to Getting Your Ugly On," there was a noticeable increase in ugly sweater parties around 2001, and the tradition snowballed from there.

The city of Vancouver, Canada claims to be the birthplace of the first ugly sweater party in 2002. A party is held every year at the Commodore Ballroom in Vancouver, and the dress code is an ugly sweater affair.

Chris Boyd and Jordan Birch are the co-founders of the Commodore's annual ugly sweater party. The pair have even trademarked "ugly Christmas sweater" and "ugly Christmas sweater party" in Canada.

Senior Kayla Martin loves the ugly sweater tradition. She see it as a way to get into the spirit.

"Ugly Christmas sweater parties are fun because it's a tacky way to get into the spirit of Christmas when you're an adult and you realize a lot of holiday traditions are tacky but you love them anyways," Martin said.

Now the tops are bigger than ever, but in a very hipstery, oh-so-ironic way. Vintage stores, the Salvation Army and Goodwill are reaping the benefits of this craze, but the trend has reached as far as fast-fashion shops like H&M and high-end retailers, such as Nordstrom.

Those who unwittingly started the trend are now back in on the action, as people of all ages are feeling the ugly-sweater fever.

Hannah has over 350 ugly Christmas sweaters. It is believed that she and her mother have spent $2,000 on Christmas sweaters.

Freshman Chelsea McDaniel is a two time winner of ugly sweater contest.

"My sweater consists of the ugliest Christmas tree with rag dolls and roses/bows hanging from the sweater itself and is hideous," McDaniel said.

There has also been named a National Ugly Christmas Sweater day for real Ugly Sweater enthusiasts. It falls on the third Friday of December. That means the last day of finals is National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, so make sure you celebrate, Bearcats.

Take this useless knowledge about ugly sweaters and show your family what you have really learned this semester.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior forward D'Vante Mosby prepares to shoot a free throw on the way to his 1,000th career point Dec. 6. Mosby finished the game against the Griffons with 10 points and five rebounds.

MOSBY

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"Basketball is not something you can go out there and just conquer, even the best player in the world can't say that their game is perfect," Mosby said. "I think it's just good to have something to put your effort in and work for a greater good as opposed to just winning at something all the time but never necessarily getting better."

Mosby has been lucky throughout his career remaining free of injuries. His biggest struggle has been his tendency to compare himself to other athletes.

With the help of his coaches and teammates here at Northwest Missouri, Mosby has become more confident in his abilities and appreciative of the fact that everyone plays different and contributes various skills to the team.

"One of my biggest struggles is just comparison. Coach (McCollum) told me something this year, he said 'Comparison is the thief of joy' and as I look over my career anytime I compare myself to others or want something someone else has, it takes away my enjoyment of basketball."

Mosby has grown and improved immensely in his time here, and he attributes much of that to the people he is surrounded by. The team, the school, and the community in general have made Mosby incredibly proud to be a Bearcat.

"We are like a family here, and it's not even just the basketball team, it's the school and Maryville as a whole, and I wouldn't trade what we have here for anything," Mosby said.

NEXT GAME

Central Missouri @ Northwest

Dec. 11 @ 3:30 p.m.

MEN

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After the game, McCollum went into detail as to why Woods has been such an effective piece to the team though the first stretch of games.

"Now we've figured it out," McCollum said. "The first few times teams did that to us, that's why that is. Essentially they don't guard him until he catches the ball and when he catches it, too late."

McCollum also mentioned the key ingredient that's made this team special. The win gives them a perfect 8-0 record which ties the best start for Bearcat basketball team under the sixth-year head coach.

"Defensively we are as good as we have probably ever been," McCollum said. "They know what to expect and know how to tackle the league. The only difficult part is now figuring out what we're doing wrong while we're winning."

Northwest also moved up to No. 2 in the NABC coaches poll. The importance of the ranking pushes Northwest to go even further.

"There are particular goals that you want to aim for," McCollum said. We would like to be No. 1 in the country. I'd like my kids to fight for the number one."

The Bearcats next game features them at home against conference foe Central Missouri. McCollum hopes to see fans turn up in large numbers.

"We've had a lot of battles with them in the past," McCollum said. "We want the huge environment. We'd like a big crowd. The fans that have come have been cheering and been engaged. You don't see that a lot at Division ll."



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Justin Pitts throws the ball past junior guard Cole Clearman. Pitts racked up 15 points, seven assists and five rebounds.

ATHLETES of the WEEK

BEARCATS

Simon Mathiesen



The senior broke the school record for most field goals in a game during Northwest's 35-0 victory over Harding. Mathiesen connected on three field goals over 30 yards.

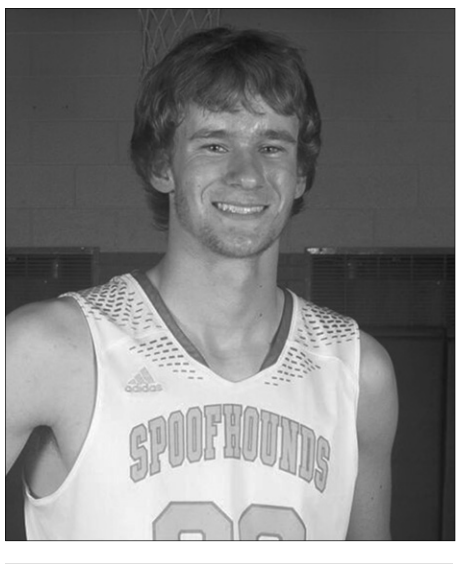
SPOOFHOUNDS

Tanya Meyer



The junior forward scored 31 points in Northwest's 72-58 loss to Missouri Western. Meyer also logged five rebounds in her first game back from injury.

Jake Woods



The junior put up nine points (three field goals and a three-point shot) in a 51-48 loss to Staley in the Savannah Invitational tournament championship.

Emma Baldwin



The sophomore scored six points and a steal in a 72-27 loss to Staley in the final pool-play game of the Savannah Invitational tournament.



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Ryan Owens (bottom) and junior Mark Zahnd work on wrestling techniques in practice Dec. 5.

Wrestling sets mark ahead of first dual check

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Though the Maryville wrestling team is rebuilding, new athletes have bound their life into the weight room.

At the same time, familiar athletes have returned, including seniors Matt Twaddle, Ryan Owens and Tierry Wilmes. The three have combined with the new members to spread the wealth to more weight classes than the past.

"This season will be different because, as of right now, we have filled more weight classes than we did last year," coach Connor Kellerstass said. "The boys will hopefully get to experience a little more team success this year."

Even with the new members on the team, camaraderie is strong as ever.

"The atmosphere in the room has been great. We just recently got our football boys back in the room, which has only made it stronger," Kellerstrass said. "Everyone seems focused and ready to begin the season."

The goal this year is the same as every year. Columbia is the destination every high school wrestler in this state wants to reach, and that is no different on Kellerstass' squad.

"Our goals are to build up the success we had last year and get as many boys down to Columbia that we can. We have some new faces in the room this year that have been working very hard and are eager to learn," Kellerstrass said. "We're looking forward to what this season has in store for us".

Twaddle is the only returning state qualifier from last season. The senior is also the team's longest tenured member. Kellerstrass sees nothing but success in Twaddle's senior season.

"Twaddle has been with this program all four years and is a three-time state qualifier," Kellerstrass said. "I know he's excited to get back down to Columbia , and bring home a medal this time around."

Junior Jackson Sanders is also expected to gain a leadership role on the team. Sanders is looking forward to the upcoming season alongside his new teammates.

"Last year we had half a team," Sanders said. "I remember we had a meet where only one of us lost a match, but we still lost as a team since we didn't have enough wrestlers. I am excited to see the new faces because they allow us to get better as a team."

Sanders is hoping the hard work he has put in can lead to a strong year.

"I have a lot of goals for this year," Sanders said. "The biggest goal I have is to place fourth at state. That way I can be All-State. I really want to medal if I can though."

Jackson has good reason to feel confident. With a strong team atmosphere, a larger team, more weight classes filled, strong senior leadership and a coach who will pass along vast knowledge and push the team to succeed, the MHS wrestling team is primed for a strong, successful season. With Columbia looming on the horizon, Kellerstrass and his team will be ready for it when the time comes.

NEXT GAME
Lenox High School Tournament
Dec. 10 @ 10 a.m.



New center to provide athletic edge

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A key marketing piece most athletic departments emphasize while recruiting is the school's athletic facilities.

Teams recruiting in the warmer parts of the country will be able to sell the pitch that Northwest is one of the few programs in the region that feature a state-of-the-art multipurpose center. That edge will allow Northwest to remain competitive.

But Northwest's multipurpose facility that is scheduled to begin construction in the summer of 2017 will be much more than a mere marketing piece. It will provide multiple sports with the opportunity to have their own practice place.

As it stands, around six different sports use Lamkin and Martindale to practice. When lightning interferes with football, coaches move practice inside to one of the gyms in the Recreational center or Martindale. Sports such as volleyball and the cheerleading team utilize Lamkin for practice, sometimes causing distractions for the other team.

Both baseball and softball teams figure to benefit immensely, especially during January and February. Adding to the list of teams that use Martindale and Lamkin is the soccer team that also moves indoors when weather prevents it from practicing outside. But the sport that figures to benefit the most from the $20 million center is the track and field team. "It is a circus in there (Lamkin)," coach Scott Lorek said. "Availability is often tough because different sports are always trying to use it and we are often on top of one another."

A practice area for field participants is something Lorek has not seen in his time at Northwest. In order for jumpers to get their required practice in, players used a makeshift throwing area that requires throwers to report to the area as early as 6:30 a.m.

New facilities present Lorek with the opportunity to focus on runner development instead of the minutia of worrying about where practice will be held. An area dedicated to runners and throwers gives athletes the luxury of coming in and practicing as they please instead of constructing a schedule that appeals to the needs of other sports.

More practice space is not the only positive the multipurpose center will provide. Along with a new venue, Northwest will also be allowed to host events in certain sports.

"We will get in a conference rotation for the indoor championships," Lorek said. "We will also host different high school and collegiate meets."

Considering the recent success of the cross country team, new facilities will only entice potential student-athletes to look at Northwest when deciding where to continue their career. The entire track and field team serves to benefit the most from the new center, but the long distance runners will experience the biggest change due to Martindale and Lamkin's inability to provide temporary solutions.

"With our runners in 800 meters and up, we cannot even use Lamkin," Lorek said. "We are outside every day, regardless of the weather."

Construction of the new multipurpose is scheduled to last less than a year, just in time for Lorek and Co. to take full advantage of the new facility.



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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST	8-0	2-0
Missouri Southern	6-2	2-0
Central Missouri	5-1	1-0
Central Oklahoma	5-2	1-1
Nebraska Kearney	6-3	1-1
Fort Hays. St	5-3	1-1
Northeastern St	2-6	1-1
Washburn	8-0	0-0
Lindenwood	8-2	0-0
Lincoln	6-2	0-0
Southwest Baptist	5-2	0-0
Emporia St	3-5	0-0
Pittsburg St	1-8	0-2
Missouri Western	1-8	0-0

Dec. 11
Central Missouri at Northwest

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

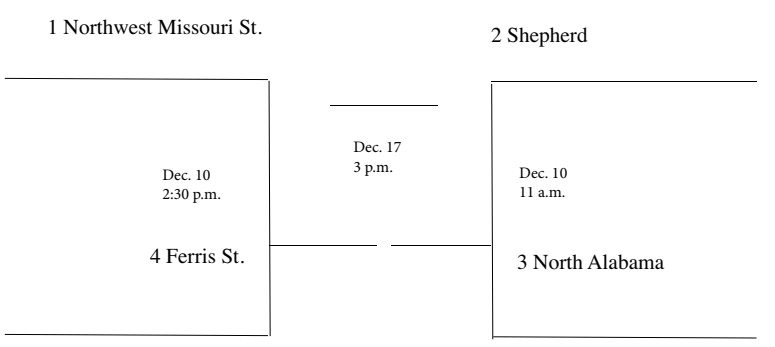
MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma	7-0	2-0
Pittsburg St	9-0	2-0
Missouri Southern	5-4	2-0
Central Missouri	7-1	1-0
Missouri Western	8-2	2-1
Emporia St	8-0	0-0
Southwest Baptist	6-1	0-0
Washburn	6-2	0-0
Lindenwood	4-2	0-0
Lincoln	1-5	0-0
Fort Hays St	6-2	0-2
NORTHWEST	5-4	0-2
Northeastern St	3-4	0-2
Nebraska Kearney	3-6	0-2

Dec. 11
Central Missouri at Northwest

NCAA Division II Football Championship

NCAA Division II Football



Boys basketball begins to discover pace

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Spoofhound basketball is positioned for a season of success after a strong start in the Savannah tournament.

Maryville (2-1) competed in three games behind the same number of practices in the tournament. This week will be used to clean up on fundamentals, which caused complications in the Savannah tournament.

"We are going to get ready offensively, clean some things up and work some things out," Coach Matt Stoecklein said. "I'll give the kids definite roles, 'I will do this in this situation, I will do this in this situation' but make sure they still have a lot of freedom."

The Spoofhounds entered the Savannah tournament looking to win the championship for the first time in six years. They outscored their opponents 156-132 in the tournament, but fell short of their goal in a 51-48 loss to Class 5's Staley High School (3-1) in the tournament championship.

"We played pretty good as a team for only having three practices the whole week," senior point guard Trey Oglesby said. "I thought we could have won the tournament, but we didn't. Losing to a good Class 5 team that you possibly should have beat with only three practices, that shows what we can be this year."

Maryville led Staley 26-19 heading into halftime, but the Falcons picked up their game, causing the Spoofhounds to lose ground in the second half. Maryville attempted to find its way back to the lead within the final 13 seconds of the game, but Staley put up crucial points at the line to secure the win.

"We had one bad quarter," Oglesby said. "The defense kind of got a little sloppy. We didn't make good free throws like they did. For the most part, we played a good game against a Class 5 team we knew was going to bring it. You can't ever be too upset about that."

The loss serves as motivation for the Spoofhounds for the rest of the season, as it came in the final round of the tournament.

"The big thing is trusting each other and knowing we are not getting at each other when we are mad," Oglesby said. "We are just wanting to do the right thing. We know we are doing the best thing for the team."

The outcome of the game was a step up from Maryville's 80-57 loss to the Falcons last year. With the Spoofhounds returning most of their starting core, Stoecklein sees the game as an experience for his team to learn from.

"(It is a) big confidence builder," Stoecklein said. "I would hope for the boys to think not only could we have won, we probably should have. We led most of that game until the end. Some things didn't go our way; it's just how it happens. Hopefully it gives the boys the insight that they know we are good."

Maryville's next game is against Worth County (4-1) Dec. 8. The game was not on the team's schedule until Dec. 6. Stoecklein emphasized the addition of the game was an effort to benefit his team.

"We were one game short, so we really just added it so we can have a full schedule," Stoecklein said.

NEXT GAME

Maryville @ Worth County
Dec. 9 @ 7:15 p.m.
Maryville @ East Buchannan
Dec. 12 @ 6:45 p.m.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Trey Oglesby shoots a three-point shot in Maryville's 64-53 victory over Platte County Dec. 1. Oglesby finished the game with six points behind two field goals, one three-point shot and one free-throw.

Maryville transformation a work in progress

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Maryville girls basketball is undergoing innovations that will determine the future success of the program.

The biggest change the Spoofhounds have faced is a new coaching staff. Last season was coach Quentin Albrecht's first year at Maryville, and he brought with him new assistant coaches and a new philosophy for his team.

Albrecht is assisted by coach Jennifer Stock, who echoes his desire to make long-lasting changes in the program. Maryville has struggled to put together wins in the past, so the coaching staff is shifting the focus from the present to the future of the team.

"We know that there are a lot of changes that need to be made throughout the program, but they are not going to happen overnight," Stock said.

In order to make long-lasting changes, Albrecht and Stock are starting younger players and working their way up. They believe if they start developing players from a young age, by the time they get to high school they will already have a strong work ethic and desire to succeed.

"Our goal is just to build the program here in Maryville," Stock said. "We want to start from the bottom and go up, so we have been doing camps and going to the middle school practices. We just want to see it grow for years to come."

The Spoofhounds have already seen this plan taking effect. The number of girls on the team has increased from 14 to 21 since last year. Stock credits the amazing initiative and authority exhibited by the four seniors on the team, Abbie Greeley, Maggie Kempf, Bethel Orshiso and Felicia Sheil.

"The seniors have done an amazing job for us," Stock said. "They've been leaders; they've been examples. They have been advocates for this program, and you can see that just in the past year with how many girls we have on the team."



DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Abbie Greely drives the ball up the court in Maryville's 72-27 loss to Staley Dec. 1.

These seniors are focused on one thing this season: coming together as a team and a family. This is important on and off the court. According to Sheil, the best part about playing for Maryville is getting to be a part of a team where the coaches and girls truly love being together.

"We are all really good friends and we love hanging out and having fun outside of basketball too," Sheil said. "We do a lot of team bonding things and just like spending time together."

Greeley agrees that her favorite thing about playing basketball for Maryville is her teammates. On the court everyone supports and encourages each other no matter what.

"The past couple years have been tough when it comes to winning, but we have always been there for each other," Greeley said. "We work hard for each other and we never give up on each other, no matter what."

The Spoofhounds are coming off an eight win 2015-2016 season and a disappointing loss in the first round of the district tournament to East Buchanan. Maryville's major downfall last season was its inconsistency. According to Stock, the girls were unable to play with energy and effort for an entire game, but that has changed this season.

"Last year we had a problem where we would have one or two bad quarters a game, but this year we have been stepping up and playing a full 36 minutes," Stock said. "We have been playing hard the whole time, from the first whistle to the last."

Overall, the players know they are not just working to improve this year, but to improve the program for the future. This season is critical for the team's development, and will set the baseline for the future of the entire program.

"We are focused on this year because it is important, but we want to see the end product of all our hard work in 10 years, and see the program increase," Stock said.

NEXT GAME

Plattsburg @ Maryville
Dec. 12 @ 6:45 p.m.

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Mosby finds state-wide success

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Senior forward D'Vante Mosby has played for many programs throughout his career, but has never felt more at home than when he donned a Bearcat uniform.

Mosby has been playing basketball since he was a little boy. In fact, he can't even recall how old he was when he started playing, it has always just been a part of his life.

"I've played for as long as I can remember," Mosby said. "That was kind of the thing you do in Kansas City, you just grab a ball and find the nearest hoop."

What started out as quick pickup games with friends quickly turned to more intense and aggressive games. Mosby continued to practice and develop his skills, strengthening his love for the sport. This desire to play basketball caused Mosby to look for more competitive teams.

"In eighth grade I found an AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) team, and it really just opened my eyes to things outside of just playing on the blacktop and playing in the playground," Mosby said.

Growing up, things were not always easy for Mosby's family, but no matter what, he could always count on one person: his mother Memime Mosby. He knew that she would always support him and his dreams of playing basketball at the collegiate level. Even today, she can still be seen in the bleachers.

"She stuck with me and sacrificed so much for me to be where I am at today," Mosby said. "Despite times being tough growing up she just sacrificed a lot to allow me to play."

Mosby graduated from Fort Osage High School. He was a standout in football and basketball, earning an all-state selection in both sports his senior year. This desire for excellence and drive caught the attention of several college coaches, including Northwest Missouri State. Ben McCollum saw the potential and hard work that Mosby exhibited in practice and games

"D'Vante was actually one of the recruits that I worked hardest to get out of all the athletes I have recruited," McCollum said. "At first we didn't get him, but he kept working hard and we kept talking to him and eventually he joined us here."

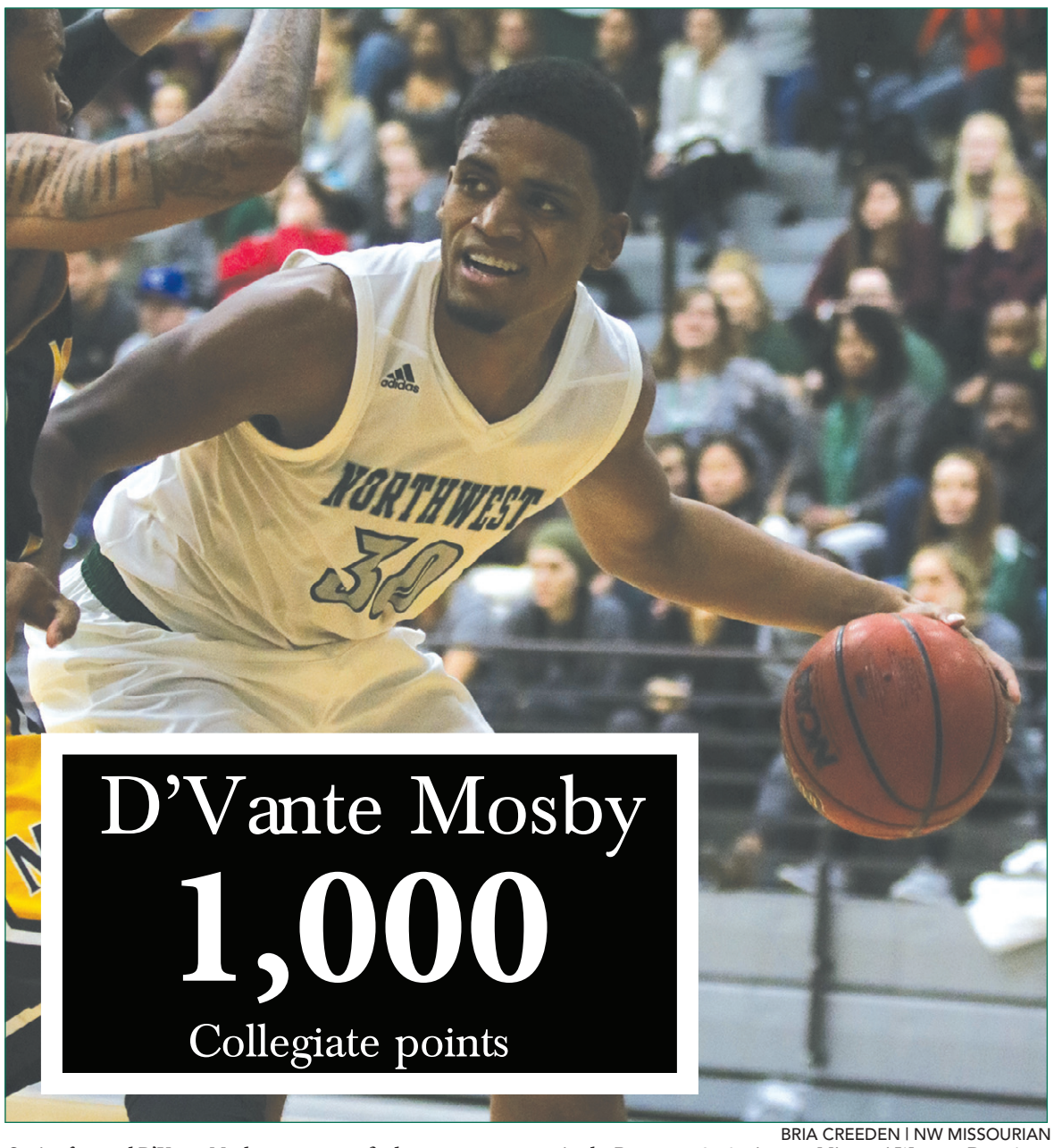
Mosby ended up spending his first two years of college at William Jewell, where he averaged 12.8 points and 8.7 rebounds per game during his sophomore season.

Mosby transferred to Northwest Missouri State for his junior year. His first season as a Bearcat was a success as he recorded 286 points, 169 rebounds, 13 blocks and two double-doubles. Looking ahead to his senior season, McCollum is confident Mosby will continue to improve and strive for excellence.

"He will continue to get a lot of playing time and he will be a great senior leader for the men on this team," McCollum said.

Mosby's athletic drive creates his love for basketball. He knows he cannot just walk out on the court and expect to be an all-star. He has to work hard every single day to get better and reach his goals.

SEE **MOSBY** | **A9**



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior forward D'Vante Mosby attempts to find an open teammate in the Bearcats 78-52 win over Missouri Western Dec. 6.

Patient senior thrives in the spotlight

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It is no coincidence that Northwest's above .500 start featured multiple solid outings in rebounding and defense.

It is also no coincidence that the more playing time senior Carlie Wilhelmi received, the more Northwest's improvements began to show.

A forward from Center Point, Iowa, Wilhelmi started her collegiate career at Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kansas. There, Wilhelmi showcased her ability to dominate the post, averaging nine points and six assists, and prompting Northwest to extend a scholarship offer.

When it came time to decide where she would continue her career, Wilhelmi knew she wanted to stay close to her hometown and family.

"It was kind of hard being at Fort Scott where no one can come to your games," Wilhelmi said. "Now that I'm closer, I am able to have more family time."

Wilhelmi's career at Northwest started quietly. Following honorable mention all-conference honors at Fort Scott, coach Buck Scheel relegated Wilhelmi to a role on the bench. With the starting spot belonging to All-Conference forward Tember Schechinger last year, quality minutes were hard to come by for Wilhelmi.

Now Wilhelmi enters her senior season and not only has she earned more minutes, but she has also emerged as one of the key cogs on this year's team.

"She (Wilhelmi) has been a starter and a high-minute player off the bench," Scheel said. "She's done a great job accepting her role on the team this year as far as being that major defensive presence and rebounding on the inside."

It is not just her contributions as a starter that have made Wilhelmi stand out this year. Her effort and efficiency off the bench provides Scheel with a luxury he did not have a season prior.

"She (Wilhelmi) has also given us some offensive production inside that we have missed last year as we worked down the bench."

The term glue player has been loosely used in basketball over time. Never used for a star player, the term denotes a player that does all of the dirty work allowing the primary scorers to do what they do best.

While she does things that glue players typically do, Wilhelmi is much more than a supplemental piece. When an injury to junior Tanya Meyer kept her from making the trip to Central Oklahoma, it was Wilhelmi who filled the void, scoring eight points and adding seven rebounds.

Although Northwest lost to Central Oklahoma 58-68, Wilhelmi showed she has the ability to be more than just a role player.

"I have added more range to my game," Wilhelmi said. "Now I am making shots just inside of the three-point line, which I could not do before."

And it shows. Wilhelmi is averaging nine points per game while shooting 51 percent from the field and 75 percent from behind the free-throw line.

Wilhelmi's presence down low has also proved to be one of the key reasons Northwest has outrebounded its opponents by four a game this season.

As one of the two seniors on the team, Wilhelmi will be looked to for leadership as Northwest enters the meat of its schedule.

"I come in and work hard everyday," Wilhelmi said. "If you come in and do not practice what you preach, then no one is going to respect you as a leader."

Wilhelmi has already set the tone for her season due to her hard work and resiliency. If the rest of the roster follows her lead, then Northwest will continue to see improvements.

NEXT GAME
Central Missouri @ Northwest
Dec. 11 @ 1:30 p.m.



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior forward Carlie Wilhelmi keeps her form in the Bearcats loss Dec. 6.



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior shooting guard Anthony Woods sinks a three-pointer against Missouri Western Dec. 6. Woods finished with 19 points in the game.

Men's basketball remain perfect

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The Northwest Missouri basketball team returned home and from beginning to end, the Bearcats maintained control.

The No. 2 Bearcats (8-0, 2-0) entered a three game home stand beginning with a 78-52 victory over Missouri Western (1-8, 0-3) Nov. 6 at Bearcat Arena.

Northwest took care of business early. Senior Anthony Woods began the show with a 9-4 run by himself providing all points to the Bearcat side.

"It felt good," Woods said. "I was just taking what the defense gave me. My teammates always have confidence in me and I just try and play with energy."

With Woods locked in from the opening tip, everyone else started to find their place. Senior D'Vante Mosby began to come alive in the low post finishing the game with 10 points and five rebounds.

Two possessions later, Chris-Ebou Ndow entered the post-game highlight reel with an emphatic two handed slam in the midst of a Bearcat 9-0 run.

"That was crazy," Woods said. "When he went up I thought he was going to get hurt. Then he dunked it and I was like 'ohhhh.'"

Senior Zach Schneider found his stroke two minutes later. The sharpshooter lit the lamp with a wide open three-pointer from the right corner to extend the Northwest lead to 30-11. Schneider finished the game 3-of-4 from deep ending with nine points.

Senior guard Justin Pitts dazzled Bearcat Arena all evening. Making swift passes left and right leaving the crowd no choice but to go ballistic.

Pitts finished the game with 18 points, five rebounds and seven assists. Even with the impressive statline, Mosby was the main headline eclipsing his 1,000th career point.

"It's something cool to have," Mosby said. "You work to produce and compete. Obviously we can't all can't do it as fast as Justin (Pitts)."

Mosby etched his name in bearcat history thanks to a three-pointer, giving Northwest a 21-9 advantage with 8 minutes and 19 seconds remaining in the first half.

"He's a special kid," McCollum said. "Out of high school we recruited him as hard as anyone I've ever recruited. "

As the Bearcat basketball team has done all season, they took a commanding lead into the break over the Griffons up 35-17.

"We've had past games where we haven't been locked in so there was a chip on our shoulder to come out in the second half ready," Mosby said.

That's exactly what the team did as sparks continued to fly. Three point shooting from freshman Ryan Welty became apparent drilling 3-of-5 treys in 23 minutes of play.

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